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FOR EGAT/ESP/MOC - LAKEISHA LLOYD  
EGAT/ESP - CHARLES BARBER

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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE GRANTED TO BARBER TO TRAVEL  
TO DOMINICA

REF: SECSTATE 57606

11. Embassy Bridgetown grants country clearance to Dr.  
Charles Barber to travel to Dominica April 30 - May 6,  
12006.

12. Understand Embassy assistance is not required. If  
you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Rohrer  
at Tel.(246)228-8070 or Fax. (246) 228-8589.

13. Entry requirements: Mission policy requires  
possession of a valid U.S. passport for entry into any  
of the Eastern Caribbean States. No visa is required  
if your stay is under six months, including those  
travelers arriving with diplomatic or official  
passports.

14. Departure tax for Dominica is XCD\$16.00 or  
USD\$10.00

15. The following is general information pertaining to  
security and health considerations throughout the  
Eastern Caribbean:

#### Security

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In the Eastern Caribbean, foot travel outside of well-  
established tourist areas is not generally recommended,  
especially at night. Be vigilant when using public  
telephones or ATM machines near roadsides or quiet  
areas. As in many U.S. metropolitan areas, wearing  
expensive jewelry, carrying expensive objects, or  
carrying large amounts of cash should be avoided.  
Visitors should also safeguard valuables while at the  
beach. While hotels are generally safe, many visitors  
have experienced loss of unattended items. Hotel  
burglaries are not uncommon and all valuables should be  
locked in room safes if possible.

#### Health Information

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Throughout the Eastern Caribbean, the most likely  
threat to a visitor's health is sunburn. It takes  
several weeks to become accustomed to the heat and  
humidity. Prolonged exposure to the sun, without  
protection, causes sunburn and may ultimately result in  
sun-damaged skin or even skin cancer. Sunscreens  
should be used for protection. In Barbados, St. Lucia,  
and St. Vincent the major health threat is dengue  
fever, transmitted by mosquito. Dengue cases are most  
often seen in the summer months. Persons should  
therefore protect themselves with insect repellant.  
There is also a growing number of HIV/AIDS cases

reported. The Eastern Caribbean enjoys clean and safe drinking water. Only routine boosters for immunizations (i.e. tetanus, diphtheria, and oral polio vaccine) are required when traveling to this region. Barbados has the best medical facilities of all the islands in the region and most of the medical specialties have practitioners here.

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